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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

The enclosed Resolutions of the Massachusetts House of Representatives are forwarded to you in accordance with the final resolve of said resolutions.

It is respectfully requested that these resolutions be processed and printed in the Congressional Record.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven T. James". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.
Steven T. James
Clerk of the House.

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Massachusetts House of Representatives



Resolutions

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE FOR THE ARMED FORCES
OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, THE MILITARY ACTION NOW UNDERWAY AGAINST IRAQ IS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONGRESS IN SEC. 3(A) OF PUBLIC LAW 107-243, WHICH PASSED THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 10, 2002, BY A VOTE OF 77-23, AND WHICH PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THAT SAME DATE BY A VOTE OF 296-133; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN 225,000 MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ARE NOW INVOLVED IN CONFLICT AGAINST IRAQ; AND

WHEREAS, OVER 200,000 MEMBERS OF THE RESERVES AND NATIONAL GUARD HAVE BEEN CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR THE CONFLICT AGAINST IRAQ AND OTHER PURPOSES; AND

WHEREAS, THESE FORCES INCLUDE MANY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS HAVE THE GREATEST PRIDE IN OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, AND THE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SUPPORTING THEM, AND STRONGLY SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF THE PRESIDENT, AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF, IN THE CONFLICT AGAINST IRAQ; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OFFERS ITS SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAYERS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR TROOPS SERVING OVERSEAS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDS, AND EXPRESSES THE GRATITUDE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES (WHETHER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IN THE NATIONAL GUARD, OR IN THE RESERVES) AND THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WHO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS, AS WELL AS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CIVILIAN NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCIES WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION, FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE, DEDICATED PATRIOTISM AND EXEMPLARY BRAVERY; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDS AND EXPRESSES THE GRATITUDE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN, MARINES AND CIVILIANS SERVING IN OPERATIONS AGAINST IRAQ WHO HAVE BORNE THE BURDEN OF SACRIFICE AND SEPARATION FROM THEIR LOVED ONES; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF BRAVE AMERICANS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THIS UNDERTAKING, OVER MANY YEARS, AGAINST IRAQ; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSES ITS HOPES FOR A SPEEDY, SUCCESSFUL, AND SAFE CONCLUSION TO THE HOSTILITIES AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AS A FREE, PROSPEROUS, DEMOCRATIC, AND PEACEFUL NATION BY THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JOINS ALL AMERICANS IN REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING OPERATION DESERT SHIELD AND OPERATION DESERT STORM IN 1991, THOSE STILL MISSING FROM THAT CONFLICT, AND THE THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN TERRORIST ATTACKS OVER THE YEARS, AND IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND TO THE MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED, MARCH 26, 2003.

Thomas M. Finneran
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Steven T. James
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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